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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US4936222 D2: US3759190

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a product carrier movable along a conveyor track from which the subject-matter of claims 1-10 differs in that the carrier arms are both pivotally suspended from each wheel unit and also pivotally supported in a holder. The carrier also contains a positioning mechanism to maintain a controlled distance between the wheel units. The two arms of the product carrier in D1 are rigidly connected to each other, involving that, if the conveyor is inclined, then the carrier and the carried objects will also be inclined.

Document D2 does not disclose anything about pivotability between carrier arms and the wheel units. Thus, it must be assumed that a rigid connection is present.

By means of the product carrier according to the invention, it is possible to maintain a controlled distance between the wheel units without having a direct and rigid connection between the wheel units, simultaneously allowing the carrier arms and the holder with carried products to hang down substantially vertically, independently of the inclination of the holder.

Thus, the invention defined in claims 1-10 is not previously known and it is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, it is novel and considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.